Trafficking of women in Delhi

2279. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Faridabad based NGO re-cently reported that Delhi has become a major destination for trafficking of women and children;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the NGO (Shakti Vahini) had put Delhi high in the list of globalized centres of flesh trade; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government of India intend to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the problem of trafficking of women and children in Delhi and has taken a number of steps to check this menace. The Indian Missions in countries from where call-girls are reportedly coming to India grant visas to young women only after a personal interview in which their family background and their interest in tourist places in India are ascertained. Production of return ticket showing date of return is insisted upon in such cases and frequency of their visits is monitored. Besides, Delhi Police keeps a watch on hotels, guest houses and other probable places from where operators of flesh trade are suspected to be working as also on the persons previsously involved or suspected to be involved in such activities; and conducts raids, *inter-alia,* on hotels, guest houses, farm houses, massage parlours, parks and other public places.

Brothels running in Delhi

2280. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that International brothels are running in Delhi under the Grab of Massage Parlours;

(b) how many massage parlours have been raided in last one year and how many call girls have been arrested;

(c) whether Government are taking action to stop the open advertisements of these massage parlours; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to stop call girls from other countries from coming to Delhi and operating from here?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, during the period from 1st August, 2003 to 31st July, 2004, Delhi Police conducted raids on 5 massage parlours and arrested 21 Indian women under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, Delhi Police keeps a vigil on massage parlours found to be indulging in illegal and undesirable activities.

(d) The Indian Missions in countries from where call girls are reported to be coming to India grant visas to young women only after a personal interview in which their family background and their interest in tourist places in India are ascertained. Production of return ticket, showing the date of their return, is insisted upon and frequency of their visits is also monitored.

Arrest of Bangladeshi nationals from Rajasthan

† 2281. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently in Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Ganganagar districts of Rajasthan and in the Indo-Pak border area of Gujarat, a number of Bangladeshi citizens who came to India on a valid passport were apprehended.

(b) whether ISI, the intelligence agency of Pakistan intends to create disorder in India by causing infiltration of such Bangladeshi citizens into Indian territory as per its new strategy:

(c) if so, whether such people have been arrested by the security officials; and

(d) the information which Government have in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Some Bangladeshi citizen with

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